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VIRGINIA IN 1665-1666.

(Abstracts by W. N. SAINSBURY, and copies in the McDonald and De Jarnette Papers, Virginia State Library.)

(CONTINUED)

THOMAS LUDWELL TO SECRETARY BENNETT.

Virginia, August 9, 1665.

Thos. Ludwell to [Secretary Sir Henry Bennet.] Refers to his last letter [see 10 April last] but doubting in these times of hazard that it might miscarry gives our account of what it contained. All are alarmed with de Ruyter's being at Barbadoes 20 April last, though they do not know what his success hath been. Are putting this Country in a good posture of defence but the works cannot be perfected without taxes therefore if any complaints reach him for imposing them, he hopes they will be acquitted of blame. Sends duplicates of public papers before sent to Col. Moryson, their Agent in England.

(*Colonial Papers.* 2 pp.)

PETITION OF JOHN WILLOUGHBY, &C., OF BRISTOL.

September (?), 1665.

Petition of John Willoughby, Mayor, and other Merchants of Bristol, adventurers to Virginia, to the King.

For a convoy to be sent to Virginia to escort back 24 ships which they have sent thither, a far greater number than they intended, but that the trade from London and other places is obstructed by the Plague: these ships produce a large revenue in customs and supply many mariners, but the Dutch are making great preparations to surprise them in their way homewards.

(*Domestic Charles II.* Vol. 133. No. 66.)

WARRANT FOR APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD SCARBURGH AS
SURVEYOR GENERAL OF VIRGINIA.

December 15, 1665.

Warrant to the Solicitor General To prepare a Grant under the Great Seal of the office of Surveyor General of the Plantation of Virginia void by the death of Thomas Loving to Edmund Scarburgh Esq. with all fees &c. belonging thereto, during the term of his life.

($\frac{1}{2}$ p. *Domestic Entry Book*. Vol. 22, p. 334.)

PATENT TO SIR WM. BERKELEY TO PRESERVE SNOW AND ICE.

December 22, 1665.

Warrant to [the Attorney General] to prepare a Grant of full power and authority to Sir Wm. Berkeley our present Governor of Virginia, Sir Chichester Wrey, Sir John Denham and Wm. Ashburnham Cofferer of the King's House for renewing and putting in execution the powers and privileges contained in a former Grant of the late King Charles 1st giving Sir W. Berkeley license "to gather, make and take snow and ice with this our Kingdom of England and Dominion of Wales and to preserve and keep the same in such pits, caves and cool places as he should think fit," saving to the King's loving subjects liberty to make & preserve snow & ice necessary for their own proper use.

(1 p. *Domestic Entry Book*. Vol. 22, p. 340.)

PETITION OF CECILIA MORYSON, 1665 (?).

Petition of Cecilia Moryson to the King. For reference to the Lord Chancellor of her dispute with her two sisters, who, in the absence of her husband, as Governor of Virginia, have shared the personal estate of their late brother, Giles Rawlins¹

¹Cecilia, wife of Francis Moryson, was the sister of Giles Rawlins, who was killed in a duel with one of Lord Dillon's sons, in August, 1662, in St. James Field, Pall Mall. (Neill, *Virginia Carolorum*, 284.)

leaving her a very unequal portion. Is no ways able to bear a tedious suit at law.

(*Domestic Charles II.* Vol. 142, No. 167.)

PETITION OF SIR WILLIAM BERKELEY.

[January 29, 1665-6.]

Petition of Sir William Berkeley on behalf of the Colony of Virginia, to the King. Sets forth reasons against a petition presented to his Majesty for altering the usual way of trade and comers with Virginia which can be no ways advantageous but will be most destructive to the future growth of the Colony and points out the frauds in the customs of tobacco which at fifty shillings a hogshead should amount to £100,000 sterl'g (the value upon which the duty should be paid?) Prays greater burdens may not be laid upon them than upon other Plantations to whom ships come at all times of the year.

Indorsed. "Delivered Jan'y 29, '65 (-6)."

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

GOVERNOR BERKELEY TO LORD ARLINGTON, Virginia, May 1, 1666.

Governor Sir William Berkeley to Secretary Lord Arlington.—He hath marshalled the Twenty six Merchant men into a Squadron but all of them are not able to encounter three well prepared men of War—they hope a Convoy will meet them on the Coast of Ireland—Live after the simplicity of the past age, indeed unless the danger of our Country gave our fears tongues and language we should shortly forget all sounds that did not concern the business and necessities of our farms.—As we are farther out of danger so we approach nearer to Heaven with our prayers that his sacred Majesty's Enemies may either drink the sea or lick the Dust.

(*Colonial Papers*, 2 pp.)

THOMAS LUDWELL TO LORD ARLINGTON, Virginia, May 1, 1666.

Thos. Ludwell to Sec. Lord Arlington.—That in regard of the hostile force of many and potent enemies against the safety of the three Kingdoms, their fears at this distance are almost insupportable. Sends a copy of their latest laws and public levyes to Col. Moryson to present to his Lordship, with two Orders of the General Court, concerning the repayment of the 2s. per hogshead upon the tobacco lost last year, & the stop of the ships till the first of April, a month longer than his Maj. restriction, that they might be a sufficient fleet to defend themselves, though they could not now dispute their liberties with two men of war of twenty guns.

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

CERTIFICATE OF CAPTAINS OF MERCHANTMEN, May 1, 1665.

Certificates of the Captains of the Merchantmen at Point Comfort in Virginia, of Governor Berkeley's great care of them in ordering their stay till the end of April, they being not ready till that time nor all the ships come up to them.

Signed by Nicholas Lux, Admiral; John Scott, Vice Admiral, and William Coulton, Rear Admiral.

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

ORDERS CONCERNING THE MERCHANT FLEET IN VIRGINIA,
May 3, 1666.

Orders by Sir William Berkeley, Governor and Captain General of Virginia to the Fleet of Merchantmen bound for England constituting Nicholas Luxe Admiral, John Scott, Vice Admiral and William Coulton Rear Admiral—and ordering them (according to their bonds) to keep together till they come to Cape Clear and if they meet with no Convoy there to make to the next Coast of Ireland.

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

BONDS OF MASTERS OF MERCHANTMEN IN VIRGINIA, May 7,
1666.

Twenty one bonds of £1000 each given by the following
Commanders of the following ships:

John Stockes, Golden Lyon of Bristol.
Peter Wraxall, Good Will of Bristol.
David Baker, Elizabeth of Weymouth.
Richard Sparke, Rebecca of Dartmouth.
Gilbert Anderson, Adventure of Hull.
John Hatch, Plymouth Merchant of Plym.
John Watson, Virginia Berkeley.
William Wilcox, Francis of Topsloans.
Edward Pearce, Golden Fortune of London.
William Nicholls, Thomas & George of Bristol.
Christopher Browning, Sanuel of Bideford.
Edward Pickard, Philip of Barnstaple.
William Coulton, Agreement of Bristol.
Thomas Phelps, Dolphin of Bristol.
Nathaniel Thornton, James of Bristol.
John England, Loves Increase of Bristol.
Robert Munden, Charles of London.
John Smith, William & Thomas of Bristol.
William Sheppard, True Love of Bristol.
Samuel Finch, Virginia Merch't of Plymouth.
Thomas Cooke, Sarah of London.

To obey all orders & directions already prescribed by Gov.
Berkeley or which they shall receive from Capt. Nicholas Lux
on their voyage homeward.

Certified copies.

(*Colonial Papers*, 2 pp.)

LIST OF FLEET SAILING FROM VIRGINIA, May 18, 1666.

List of the Fleet that sailed from Virginia the 18 day of

May 1666 with the ship Alexander, eighteen sail of Bristol with 144 canon and thirteen from other places with 72 Canon.

"Rec. 14 Nov. '66."

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

CHARGE AGAINST MAURICE THOMPSON, June 24, 1666.

Information of Hugh Squier to Secretary Sir Joseph Williamson.

Heard three men of quality, one seemingly a Dutchman rejoice that the Dutch had done so well and attribute it to the care and diligence of Maurice Thompson¹ and his brother Major in supplying them with information of the motions of the English fleet. Finds that Maurice Thompson was always violent against kingly government, was intimate with the Protector, sat on some of the High Courts of Justice and sentenced some beheaded lords to death, so that he is incapable of bearing any office. He was a poor man in Virginia, but got a great estate chiefly from the King's party.

(*Domestic Charles II*, Vol. 159, No. 108. 1.)

THOMAS LUDWELL TO LORD ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA, July 5, 1666.

Thos. Ludwell Secretary of Virginia to Secretary Lord Arlington. Would much rather appear impertinent than ungrateful so troubles his Lordship with his most humble acknowledgments for those favorable expressions Colonel Moryson received in the writer's behalf and beseeches a continuance of them. Will send by the next fleet a full account of all their public concerns.

"Received Dec. 10, '66."

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

¹For Maurice Thompson and his brothers, all early settlers in Virginia, see this Magazine, I, 187-188.

THOMAS LUDWELL TO LORD ARLINGTON, July 18, 1666.

Thomas Ludwell Secretary of Virginia to Sec. Lord Arlington. Complimentary. Feels the necessity of paying more than a paper acknowledgment for his Lordships favors. Recapitulates the contents of his last letter (see 1st May, 1666). The Assembly had ordered that one Fort with all their Ordnance, being fourteen, to be mounted upon it, should be built at James Town, where the Inhabitants would be a sufficient garrison to defend it without any charge to the Country, where the Assembly and all great Courts are held, a place fifty miles within the River, but the King's command to build the Fort at Point Comfort prevented us. It is a place defective in all the above mentioned advantages. Points out the evils of such a place being selected and heartily wishes that the Governor and Council, who must necessarily have the most experience of what may be most advantageous for the Country might have something referred to their judgments & determinations. Necessity of having one or two frigates to ride in their river because of the Capes. Capture of a ship by one—shall in little time be engaged in a war with most of their Indians. Cessation from planting tobacco in 1607 granted by Virginia Maryland and Carolina. Present of 300 lbs. of silk to His Majesty, the first fruits of their labours. Incloses.

A Description of the Government of Virginia. 17 Sept., 1666. 4 pp.

(*Colonial Papers.* Together 7 pp.)

APPOINTMENT OF VIRGINIA COMMISSIONERS TO TREAT WITH
MARYLAND, November 8, 1666.

Commission from Sir W. Berkeley Governor of Virginia appointing Thos. Ludwell, Maj. Gen. Robt. Smith, Maj. Gen. Ric. Bennett, Capt. Robt. Winn, Col. Nic. Spencer, Capt. Peter Jennings, Thos. Ballard, Capt. Jos. Bridger, and Capt. Dan

Parke Commissioners to treat with the Commissioner of Maryland and Carolina about a Cessation of planting tobacco in the year 1667.

Attested Copy by Ludwell.

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

PETITION OF ROBERT YATE, &C., November 14, 1666.

Petition of Robt. Yate, Walter Tocknell and others, late Owners of the Ship Alexander of Bristol to the King.

That said ship was taken by a Dutch Caper from the rest of the Virginia fleet about sixty leagues to the Westward of Ireland and had the rest endeavoured her recovery as they ought according to agreement the Alexander might not only have been preserved but in all probability the Caper secured—Pray for H. M. Order that an average may be set on said fleet to make good the loss to the petitioners.

“Rec’d 14 Nov. To be heard 11 Jan’y, 1666 (-7).”

Annexed:

A Relation of the loss of the Ship Alexander.

Together 2½ pp.

(*Colonial Papers*.)

REPORT OF SIR LIONEL JENKINS ON THE LOSS OF SHIP,
November 14, 1666.

Report of Sir Lionel Jenkins concerning the loss of the Ship Alexander.

“The Question is whether the interested in this loss ought to have reparation by an average laid upon the whole fleet as also what is usual in cases of this nature.”

“Rec’d 14 Nov. 1666. Read in Council 21 Dec., ’66.”

(*Colonial Papers*, 3 pp.)

THE KING TO THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA, November 15,
1666.

The King to Governor Sir Wm. Berkeley. Appointing certain seasons in the year at which only ships be permitted to return from Virginia to England unless employed for His Maj. immediate service either as Men of War or for carrying Packets or the like extraordinary occasions viz: 24 March, 24 June, and 24 Sept. and repeating the same orders as were given last year about the ships keeping company & defending each other during their homeward voyage.

(2 pp. *Domestic Entry Book*, Vol. 24, pp. 32-34.)

PETITION OF LONDON MERCHANTS TO THE KING, November
17, 1666.

Petition of several Merchants of the City of London to the King in Council.

For His Maj. Grant to take off the Embargo of their trading ships now ready to sail for Virginia and Maryland.

Rec'd 17 Nov., 1666. Read in Council 1 Dec., 1666.

Annexed.

Names of said ships, their burthen, number of guns, mariners and passengers, most of which have been cleared at the Custom House London since 23 Sept. last.

(*Colonial Papers*, 2 pp.)

PETITION OF MERCHANTS, &C., TRADING TO VIRGINIA,
November ?, 1666.

Petition of several Merchants Planters Masters of Ships and others trading to Virginia and Maryland to the King in Council. Set forth the reasons for the prayer of their petition that no ships bound for Virginia or Maryland be permitted to set sail from England before the first day of January

yearly or after the last day of March And to that purpose that a restraint be laid upon the ships now preparing for that voyage.

(*Colonial Papers*, 1 p.)

BERKELEY TO ARLINGTON, IN REGARD TO SCOTCH TRADE TO
VIRGINIA, December 3, 1666.

Governor Sir William Berkeley to Sec. Lord Arlington.

Some Scotch gentleman have desired him to mediate with his Lordship to procure them leave to come from Scotland hither.—Would not dare to importune in their behalf if he did not know it was not prejudicial to the King's service; finding in these dangerous times they have been very useful to us joins with them in soliciting His Maj. license, at least as long as these times of trouble last.

Annexed.

Petition of Thomas Barbor of Scotland, Merchant to the King.

In the time of the late war with the Dutch he was very instrumental in supplying his Maj. Plantations, especially Virginia with servants & goods which they stood greatly in need of, though to his great loss by piracy & otherwise—prays for license for two ships to have free trade to Virginia during His Maj. pleasure.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND,
December 11, 1666.

Further Articles of Agreement concluded at St. Maries in Maryland between the Commissioners for Virginia and Maryland for a total cessation of planting tobacco for one year in each Colony, as also in Albemarle County in Carolina.

Attested Copy by Ludwell.

(*Colonial Papers*, 2 pp.)

THE MAYOR OF BRISTOL TO SECRETARY WILLIAMSON, Bristol,
December 15, 1666.

Sir Thos. Langton, Mayor of Bristol to Secretary Williamson.

Most of the Plantation ships, 30 vessels, sailed three days since. As the *Golden Lion* was unable to sail through neglect, sent the packet to Virginia by the *Elizabeth*, which is gone. Will inform Lord Arlington of anything worth notice in the city.

Incloses.

Receipt by John Weaver, Commander of the *Elizabeth* of two packets of letters on the King's business for Sir Wm. Berkeley, Governor of Virginia and Col. Richard Nicholls, Commiss'r for visiting the Colonies in New England and promise to deliver the same faithfully or in case of meeting with an enemy to throw them overboard.

Endorsed "Duplicate to the Plantations."

(*Domestic Charles II*, Vol. 181, No. 118.)

PETITION OF COL. GUY MOLESWORTH,^{*} 1666 (?).

Col. Guy Molesworth, Petition of, to the King. Prays for relief or employment or assistance to return to Virginia. Received 25 wounds in the Royal service and in 1650 was banished to Barbadoes: was afterwards commanded for Portugal and on his return good was promised him, but after three years attendance nothing is granted.

(*Domestic Charles II*, Vol. 186, No. 78.)

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

^{*}Guy Molesworth, son of Anthony Molesworth, Esq., of Fotheringay, in the county of Northampton, was colonel of horse in the King's army during the Civil Wars. His nephew, Robert Molesworth, was created Viscount Molesworth in 1716.